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PLIGHT OF EMPLOYEES IN GARMENT INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the pitiable working conditions and low wages of the employees working in the Garment Industries of the country, especially in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the working conditions and wages of employees of Garment Industries sector of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a)&(b): There have been no particular report of pitiable working conditions of the employees working in the garment industries of the country. However, the Central Government is in receipt of complaints from some quarters regarding non-compliance of labour-related regulations and norms by certain garment manufacturing units located in Karnataka. These reports were investigated by the authorities concerned in the State Government of Karnataka, who have reported that there have been no flouting of labour regulations and norms by the apparel manufacturing units concerned.

(c): To improve condition of the workers employed in garments industry, the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, has been enacted. The State Government of Karnataka has fixed minimum wages to the workers who are working in Garments industry during the year 1978 and revised from time to time. The last revision was done on 3.11.2001. According to that, highly skilled employees are being paid Rs.101 per day, Semi skilled Rs.98/- per day and Unskilled Rs.93 per day. In addition to this, based on consumer price index increased variable DA is also paid from 1st April of every year.